

To The Editor, Sir:

On TV recently, a woman from Wisconsin said that she did not understand the Sabotage-Watergate affair and I believe that she represents a large majority of the people of the United States.

Since crime, invasion of privacy, theft and phone tapping tactics are involved, it seems to me that our local newspapers should make some effort to explain just how un-American this affair has been.

The five men connected with the Committee for the Re-Election of the President were caught in the Headquarters of the Democratic Committee. They were arrested and we are told that a thorough investigation has been conducted by the Justice Department.

The public is allowed little information regarding the findings and no trial will be held until after the election. When facts are sought the affair is belittled as a political caper. However, the investigation continues and facts are nevertheless coming to light.

If we are waiting for proof through conviction we will not get it because the party in power will not prosecute or convict itself. Only we can do this with our votes. We must rely upon newspapers or other news media for our evidence. And of course we realize that all news media depend mostly on big advertising for their profits and so our job of finding the facts becomes more difficult.

The Washington Post and The New York Times are courageous in emphasizing the sordid criminality of the current political espionage of our President's appointees. If Mr. Nixon is unaware of the actions of those who surround him can he possibly understand world affairs? How can law and order be a campaign cry when both have been abandoned at the Top?

How well I remember the infamous campaign against Helen Gahagen Douglas when Richard Nixon ran for the Senate, the slush fund, puny by today's standards, when he was running for Vice President. This incident made General Eisenhower wish he had another running mate.

Mr. Nixon went on the air and wept asking for forgiveness and had the nation weeping also as he brought Pat's old cloth coat into the affair. Upon these two occasions under handed tactics won. Why, if in fact we are to believe as we are told, that the President will be elected by a landslide, is it necessary to return to the illegal practices?

The tragedy of this election is the fact that new and staggering

infamous tactics have been added: millions of dollars under the table, bugging devices, breaking and entering, stealing, letters of filth and untruths. These practices have been traced by the FBI to some of the President's closest advisers.

In a larger sense the burglary of the Watergate Headquarters was stealing and for the most part the sabotage of the Democratic Campaign is false witness. Are not stealing and false witness condemned by every major religion in the world today? Must we completely separate politics and our moral standards? I believe we degrade our people, our country, and the world around us by using such means to win another four years of the same.

We should vote for a leadership not engaged in stealing, false witness and erroneous claims of economy and one not tainted by well documented unethical acts. The tragedy of this matter is the indifference, not only of the citizens of this great land but of the clergy who should be awakening them to the lowering of our moral standards.

Moral leadership, and the courage to repudiate corrupt appointees is far more important to our nation today when the questionable honor involved in the continuation, winning or negotiation of a war that nearly everybody now agrees should never have involved our boys or billions of our dollars in the first place. A corrupt dictator not only is subjugating his people but forcing America through our present leadership to support corruption under the guise of "peace with honor."

Even the hatred of an ideology different from our own may be popular and may win votes but if it violates peacemaking and understanding it should be replaced by comprehension that is not boastful or arrogant, that does not insist on its own way, and that rejoices in the right.

Our nation and the world for that matter, needs this kind of leadership in this crucial period of our history. We are fortunate in the United States to have as a candidate for President a man who has such ideals and whose leadership would dispel fear because his background is untainted by deeds that are questionable or violate any major code of ethics. Such a man is Senator George McGovern, an intelligent and hard working leader as well as a true friend of our beloved country and its people.

Let's make our country a shining light, vote for Senator George McGovern.

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